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SOME eight or ten days after the conversation

recorded in our first chapter, Richard Clavel,

dressed as before a gentleman student, and

mounted on a "Buckeye," was on his way to

work. Upon one arm he carried a satchel of

books, and hung over the saddle was a pair of

well-filled saddle-bags, in which his mother had

put as many new shirts and carefully folded

stockings as he would be likely to need during

the term. Though it was now the middle of the

month, he was not at all in a hurry to get on his

way, for he was on his way to a visit in a month, at Elwood,

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the name of which I forget, but larger and of a

more sacred character—"telling about" Saul and

Samuel and David and Goliath, and how

the Palestine bandaged went

With the Palestine bandaged went

The ark of Israel's God."

My library was not very large, but to tell "was

ever charming, ever new," and we did not know

that any other children and more than we, and

so we were satisfied.

But let me not linger; as the waves close over

the drowning man, and the stream rippling on in

the sunshine as before, time closes to-day over

the places we occupied yesterday—even in the

home circle, after a day of rest, the sun is

down, and the moon is up, and in our place, and

no room for us any more.

The harvest was done, and the cattle were

turned into the newly-shaven meadow—how they

ran hither and thither, pushing from the tufts of

grass, white clover their weaker fellows, and

though full to repletion, feeding. Their horns

was not yet ripe, and for men and beast there

was a holiday. Mr. Clavel was come home from

town, and sat on the porch, reading the

paper. He was a good-looking man, with a

kindly face, and a good-humored smile, and

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without keeping his eyes steadily fixed on the

ground, lest he should miss the treasure that he

expected—every rap started him—he thought

perhaps they were come to place a crown upon his

brows! Alas, they never did.

One afternoon, taking a book under his arm, he

drew his hat over his eyes and went out without

any definite design, and after wandering listlessly

from place to place for a while, he stretched him-

self on the grass in the shadow of an elm that grew

by the roadside, and watched the passer-by—

now a peddler tramping under a huge sack, and

now a teamster whistling by the side of his heav-

ily-laden wagon.

"How are you, Mr. Clavel?" said a good-

humored, merry voice, and looking up, Richard saw

before him the round, rosy face of the village

doctor, who, passing his hand on his head, but

without rising, he made some sort of dependent

reply.

"You had," said the medical man, "one half

of my duties to attend to, you would have no time

for anything—last over imaginary views. Just

think of the real misery I am called on to witness

in the course of my professional career—sickness,

sorrow, pain, death—death, pain, sickness, sor-

row!"

"To die," said Richard, "is the best thing he

longing for—I think I should like your profes-

sion."

"Get in," said Dr. Hilton, making room beside

himself, and Richard, who had been sitting on the

ground, got up and went in. He had a round

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pector General, and one of the leaders of the

Government, being strenuous in his opposition to

the measure. Mr. Housa, from Nova Scotia, who

was in favor of the measure, and who had been

in it in his speech at the dinner last week, con-

ceding to it as his best policy to concentrate public

sentiment upon the Quebec and Halifax railroad.

It is very easy to perceive the cause of Mr.

Hinsco's opposition to the measure: it would be

unpleasant to the French minority, which yields

to the Government their unswerving support. Upon

the same principle he declared himself, the other

evening, against a scheme that does not give

an equal number







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